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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action dated October 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 4, 2005. Further examination and consideration are requested.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.